

Faith that Works!
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“Fools and Favoritism”
James 2:1-13

Introduction:

Do you remember the first time you attended GEBC? Did people show a genuine interest and caring attitude toward you? Regardless of who we are, where we have been, or what we have done, the Church should be the safest place on earth.

Interpretation:

Favoritism _____ community.

Favoritism _____ God’s work of grace.

Favoritism _____ the freedom in the royal law of love.

Application:

Going Deeper

1. Considering Dawn Husnick's WATERMARK, share a time when you found it difficult to treat someone else kindly? (Acts 10:34)
2. On what basis, if any, are you tempted to discriminate against others? (race, gender, wealth, education, job) (Proverbs 22:2, 28:21)
3. What steps might you take in order to improve at treating all people equally? (Romans 2:11)
4. Considering the parable of The Good Samaritan, what is at stake if we fail to love our neighbor as ourselves? (Luke 10:25-37)
5. How have you seen the knowledge of God's love grow in your own life, as well as other's, as you avoided favoritism and treated all people kindly? (Romans 13:9-10, Galatians 5:13-15)
6. How do you feel GEBC, as a community of faith, does at equally welcoming all people? (Good, Fine, Bad) How might our community improve at welcoming all people?

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